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OC San Wins Top CA Green Building & Community Award

Fountain Valley, California – The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) received the Project of the Year award as part of the California Green Building Awards at the 20th Annual U.S. Green Building Council California (USGBC-CA) Green Gala on December 11 in Hollywood, CA. OC San also received the Honor award in the Energy / Operational Carbon category.

OC San received this prestigious award for its green building practices used in the design of the Headquarters. Partnering with HDR Inc., OC San used environmentally friendly strategies to achieve this award. One strategy included a transport system where excess hot water from the Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley flows across the pedestrian bridge and is used to provide Net Zero Emission energy use.

“Winning USGBC-CA’s Project of the Year award highlights our dedication to efficient and sustainable infrastructure” said Rob Thompson, OC San’s General Manager. “With the help of the HDR Inc. design team, we created a state-of-the-art Headquarters that exceeded the United States Environmental Protection Agency standards and will allow us to continue to educate the community about wastewater treatment, public health, and sustainability.”

The California Green Building Awards are granted by the USGBC-CA, a member-based nonprofit advocating for a sustainable, carbon-resilient, and equitably built environment in California. By using a sustainable approach, HDR, Inc. designed a hybrid mass timber steel structure through careful selection of healthy, durable, and red-list free materials. The results delivered a beautiful and welcoming civic building to serve the Orange County community.

About the Awards

The California Green Building Awards honor movers and shakers from across the state’s building industry. The awards affirm a project team’s commitment and leadership in creating a sustainable built environment for all. The awards are merit-based, for built and designed (unbuilt) projects, that go above and beyond in demonstrating innovation, sustainable strategies, and exemplary performance in the fields of sustainability, occupant health and community engagement.

About OC San

OC San is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OC San is a special district that is governed by a 25- member Board of Directors composed of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OC San has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial, and industrial sources. For more information, please visit www.ocsan.gov. To view the media kit click [here](#).